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REMARKS

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1. During the period from 30 August to 6 September 1952, the Loewen Kaserne and Adler Kaserne on Highway No 103, Doeberitz (N 53/Z 65), was occupied to capacity by about 4,100 troops. All units were back at the installation after they had been absent for several days because of field exercises. At 6 a.m. on 21 August, a mixed unit of 300 to 1,000 troops of all branches of service, 6 x 76-mm AT guns, 6 x 45-mm AT guns, 6 x 120-mm mortars, 6 field kitchens and 60 to 70 trucks and T-34/85 tanks moved out for a field exercise and returned at 4 p.m. on 22 August.

only a few tanks during the entire period of observation. The six tank sheds were occupied to capacity. Each shed was provided with 10 gates. the sheds had a total capacity of sheltering 120 tanks. On 29 August, the barracks installation was inspected by two generals, one of whom wore crimson cap bands and the other black cap bands. After 30 August, small groups of soldiers were daily engaged in infantry training with small arms in the training area near the installation.

tank driving was practiced. The guard personnel at the tank sheds and in this restricted area had considerably increased. After the beginning of September, a unit of 40 officers and 420 men practiced assembling for a parade and passing in review with rifles and submachine guns on the parade ground of the installation. (1)

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4. On 1 September, 12 officers of Unit Kavallov in the Olymnsches Dorf north of Highway 103 assembled for swimming lessons. [redacted] these officers included all of this unit. Troops in the billeting area of the unit were seen engaged in theoretical instruction, combat training and close-order drill between 29 August and 3 September. An advance party wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank and AT artillery insignia of the unit expected to arrive in Olymnsches Dorf prepared the quarters for the unit. [redacted]

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5. About noon on 5 September, no activity was noticed in the Loewen- and Adler Kaserne on the south side of Highway No 103. The headquarters of Unit Mironenko was housed in building No 2 rather than building No 11. Building 11 exclusively billeted officers of the unit. These officers wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. [redacted] One Tsuppa (fnu) was book-keeper of the unit in building No 15. (1)

6. Between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 22 August, a JS-3 tank [redacted] with a commander's cupola on the left side of the turret and a ball mount with machine gun on the rear of the turret was at the Vastermark railroad station west of Doeberitz. At 7 a.m. on 29 August, 120 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia marched from the direction of Doeberitz-West to the Dallgow railroad station where 9 canvas-covered tanks, 1 truck with field kitchen and 7 boxcarloads with troops were observed at 5 p.m. [redacted]

Comments.

(i) [redacted] 11 units stationed at the Loewen and Adler Kasernen were in their quarters during the period of observation and, therefore, [redacted] a total of 4,100 men to have been stationed there like in July. [redacted] It is believed that elements of the 35th Mecz Regt were at Doeberitz on 21 and 22 August. As the troops had reveille as late as 1 p.m., it is believed that the three regiments of the 1st Mecz Div stationed in the two barracks installations were going to have a night practice. [redacted]

(4) The motor vehicles observed with the advance party belong to the 2d Light Arty B Brig (US) of the Second Gds Mecz Army.

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(5) The tank seen on 22 August in Doeberitz was probably a JS-1 or JS-2 type as those have a ball mount for machine guns on the rear side of the turret.

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[REDACTED] the tank shipments on 29 August went to Neustrelitz. [REDACTED].

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